

# Hope St.

ANNUAL REPORT  
2019



## MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dear friends of Hope St

Wow, another year is done and dusted! As we at Hope St reflect on 2019 we recognise that we have so much to be grateful for. Education, food security, a roof over our heads, good medical care and, despite a difficult year for New Zealand, the relative safety of a peaceful country.<sup>\*1</sup> Yes, we are grateful in our abundance. Yet in our roles with Hope St, both in the New Zealand office and when visiting the beneficiaries of Hope St support, we hear from many who are grateful even though they have so little. It has been wonderful to look back over the year and reflect on the changed lives that your generosity has enabled.

With your support in 2019, Hope St has impacted the lives of children, women and communities in Uganda, Myanmar, Kenya and Bulgaria. On the following pages are a few of the stories we've collected from Hope St beneficiaries and about activities Hope St partners have undertaken during 2019. Read on about the impact of Hope St's work, empowering vulnerable children and communities, to give them hope for the future.

*Jan Barker and Megan McPherson*



Study time (Uganda)



Excited children receiving new mattresses (Hope Focus Uganda)



Class time (Chafisi School, Kenya)



Producing their own food (Living Waters, Myanmar)

<sup>\*1</sup>. In June 2019 New Zealand was still rated as the second most peaceful country in the world. 2019 Global Peace Index (GPI).

## WHO WE ARE

Hope Street Charitable Trust connects kiwis with impoverished children in our global village, and help to change children's lives by equipping passionate locals to transform their own communities.

**OUR MISSION** Empower the most vulnerable children and communities to give them hope for the future.

**OUR VALUES** Hear God, Promote Justice, Maintain Transparency, Encourage Partnership, Be Family, Embrace Innovation, and Stay Informed.

**OUR APPROACH** Equip locals to transform their communities by providing training, resources, support and accountability.

Protect the vulnerable from neglect, trafficking and exploitation.

Future-proof initiatives to ensure long-term sustainability.

## OUR WORK AT A GLANCE



### QUALITY EDUCATION

Education plays a big part in lifting children and communities out of poverty. Hope St sponsored children are educated to a level where they can provide for themselves and others. Child sponsorship pays school fees and provides uniforms and school materials. Hope St also supports vocational training schools, local libraries and tutoring programmes.

### CLEAN WATER

Hope St works alongside local communities and supports them to create their own safe water sources, lowering the rate of waterborne diseases and deaths.

### ANTI-TRAFFICKING

In the world of the extremely poor, children's freedom is often threatened. They are trafficked into the sex industry, conscripted as soldiers, or toil as cheap labour. Hope St supports nurturing homes for children at risk of being trafficked in Myanmar and Uganda. In Bulgaria we support a programme educating orphaned teens and the women and children of Gypsy communities about the dangers of human trafficking.

### HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Poverty has many detrimental outcomes for children including ill health, hunger and malnutrition. 3.3 million children aged under 15 died in sub-Saharan Africa in 2018<sup>1</sup>. Hope St provides health care for children, and primary health care education for their families and communities. 1. UN IGME Levels & Trends in Child Mortality 2019.

### MICROFINANCE

Microfinance groups empower women with vulnerable families to provide the basic needs for their household such as food, shelter, clothing, medical care and education.

### SOCIAL BUSINESS

Hope St's goal is to enable our international partners to be less reliant on international funding. We encourage communities living in extreme poverty to generate their own income and become self-sufficient. We work alongside local partners to establish social businesses to overcome poverty, provide jobs, and locally fund child-focused social projects.

## A SNAPSHOT OF THE YEAR

### Myanmar, South East Asia

32 children from Shan State, Myanmar, started school in June 2019, children who would not have had a chance for an education without the care of Living Waters. Most of these children were at extreme risk of falling victim to human trafficking before being rescued.

In 2019 Hope St funded the current rental costs of the Living Waters home and the purchase of some land for a purpose built children's home.



Off to school



Sustainability – replanting firewood trees



Land purchased for purpose built home

### Chafisi, Kenya, East Africa

Chafisi works to educate and empower destitute children and their families. In March 2019 Hope St personnel visited the Chafisi orphanage and school in Kenya. Due to small class sizes and quality, loving teachers and dormitory staff the children are doing well. Generous kiwi donors recently helped fund a water tank for the orphanage dormitories, along with plumbing and sanitation in a new boys' dormitory.

We also visited Chafisi's social enterprise farms. Severe drought is affecting Kenya, so the Chafisi team have initiated a drip irrigation trial which has been extremely successful. When we visited, maize, mung beans and greens were flourishing in the driest season of the year! The wilting crops in a control sample were watered manually with a hose and used more water than the drip irrigation trial. Hope St's goal is to support the full install of irrigation at Chafisi's farms, aiming to free Chafisi from reliance on international funding to feed and educate the orphans they support.



Recently funded water tank at the Chafisi Orphanage



Drip irrigation trial (control lower right)

## LOGOS, Bulgaria, Eastern Europe

Hope St supports LOGOS' anti-trafficking education programme, Open Eyes, which was presented ten times during 2019 in Bulgarian orphanages and Gypsy communities. In some cities in Bulgaria, being a pimp is a prestigious profession. 'Pimps are rich and powerful in the eyes of most of the Gypsy people living here. The biggest problem in our city is Human Trafficking, especially women and girls taken abroad for sexual exploitation. It is a normal for fathers, brothers and cousins to sell their own daughters, sisters, cousins and friends to prostitution.' The main focus of Open Eyes is prevention of human trafficking (HT). It's a great tool for minimising the number of HT victims from Bulgaria into Western Europe.



## Hope Focus Uganda, East Africa

Hope Focus works with street children at risk of being trafficked, providing on-street mentoring, and running safe homes for those most at risk. Children at Hope Focus homes are given love, an education, health care, mentoring, and where possible are reconciled with their extended families. The Hope Focus team work closely with the local communities as they rescue, rehabilitate and repatriate children.

This year the team admitted four new rescued children to the safe home. One of these was 12 year old Sunday. The Hope Focus team meet her on the streets earlier this year, selling mangoes, and looking after her 8 month old sibling. Both of Sunday's parents have died of AIDS. Sunday was selling mangoes to earn a living to support herself and the baby. The baby was eventually settled with extended family, and Sunday is now in the Hope Focus safe home and attending primary school.

Emmanuel is one of the graduates from Hope Focus this year. He dropped out of school after his father died. His mother was struggling to support her seven children with small scale farming, so Emmanuel would walk a long distance and sell plastic bags in the city market to raise money for the family. Eventually he only returned home occasionally to deliver his earnings. When Emmanuel first met the Hope Focus staff he thought they were child traffickers, so it took time for staff to develop a relationship with him and build his trust. Six years on and Emmanuel has completed a basic building course. He is pictured below with his mother at his graduation in June.



Sunday selling mangoes, with the baby on her back



Emmanuel and his mother

## ORA Uganda, East Africa

Hope St sponsors support 108 children in ORA Uganda's rural child sponsorship program. Each child receives education, medical treatment, counselling and extracurricular activities, including a children's resource library. Families also receive counselling. Older children are encouraged to complete vocational training or tertiary education. The program has a strong emphasis on life skills to raise strong members of the community.

In April we visited Walter in Uganda. He accessed sponsorship when he was 12 years old in 2010. A total orphan, Walter lived with his grandparents and wanted to be a police officer as his father had been. He enjoyed football and his favourite subjects at school were English, Maths and Social Studies. Through sponsorship Walter completed secondary school, and then a two year electrician's course. He now has a job with the large local electricity provider. When we visited Walter and his grandparents at their home in April they repeatedly expressed their gratitude for Walter's sponsorship. Walter is now a tall and strapping 21 year old, and his life is so different to the life he or his family had hoped for him before sponsorship. He is hard-working and has good relationships within his family and community. Now employed, Walter is able to help family members in so many ways; he assists with health care, food, education and community responsibilities. Walter has recently spoken at a gathering of the current primary aged ORA Uganda sponsored children, promising to buy a mattress for any child who passes primary school at the top of their class. We hear this has been a big motivator for the children at school!

ORA Uganda works closely with local schools, vocational training institutes and community leaders. They organise child focused agricultural projects, and also facilitate a successful microfinance program. Two microfinance groups (16 women) completed during 2019, with another six groups (48 women) still running and four new groups (32 women) identified to receive their first loans in early 2020.

Other ORA Uganda projects funded in 2019 by Hope St were secondary school books for the ORA Uganda library, staff house renovations, residential care homes, agricultural wages and staff training modules.



A microfinance group



Vocational Training School supported by Hope St



Walter and his grandparents



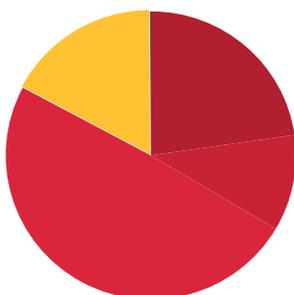
Sponsored children at the ORA Uganda Base

# FINANCIAL REVIEW

We are pleased to present a summary of Hope St's 2019 financial accounts. We thank our donors and sponsors for their financial contributions throughout 2019, for investing in the lives of the poorest of the poor. Thank you all for partnering with us as we equip locals to transform their communities, protect the vulnerable from neglect, trafficking and exploitation, and work with Hope St's international partners on future-proof initiatives.

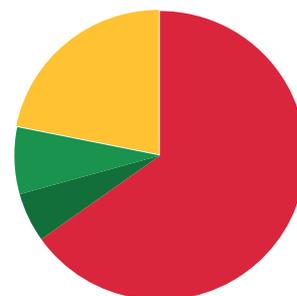
## Income Sources

- Child Sponsorship \$57,095
- Regular Project Donors \$27,087
- One-off Donations \$123,820
- Administration/Personnel \$42,999
- Interest \$254



## What the Money was Spent On

- International Relief and Development 65%
- Administration and Accountability 5.5%
- Supporter Engagement and Fundraising 7.5%
- NZ Personnel (funds mostly donated by Trustees) 22%



## Income & Expenditure

### Income

#### Donations:

	2019	2018
Child Sponsorship	57,095	53,837
Regular Project Donors	27,087	29,719
One-off Donations	123,820	48,061
Designated Administration/Personnel	42,999	37,862
Events	57,095	690

#### Other Income:

Interest	254	545
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### Total Income

<b>251,254</b>	<b>170,714</b>
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### Expenditure

International Relief and Development	164,044	106,998
Supporter engagement and Fundraising	18,792	3,781
Administration and Accountability	13,917	11,196
NZ Personnel (funds mostly donated by Trustees)	55,003	37,862

### Total Expenditure

<b>251,756</b>	<b>159,837</b>
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### NZ Personnel Costs

Due to the merge of ORA New Zealand and Hope Street, the Trustees donated funds in 2019 to cover most of the personnel costs as we merge and rebrand.

### Administration and Fundraising Costs

Expense ratios are the amount spent on administration and promotional work as a percentage of total expenditure. Less than 20% of Project donations are spent on administration and promotional work in New Zealand.

## Breakdown of 2019 International Project Funding

LOGOS Bulgaria	2,930	2%
Hope Focus, Uganda	24,114	15%
Living Waters, Myanmar	96,229	58%
ORA Uganda	40,771	25%
<b>\$164,044</b>		

## Projects Funds not paid out at 31 December 2019

ORA Uganda	14,917
Hope Focus Uganda	4,509
Living Waters Myanmar	3,467
LOGOS Bulgaria	412
Anti-trafficking Undesignated	116
Undesignated	915
Other Partners	109
Project Monitoring	12,778
<b>ORA Uganda</b>	<b>37,223</b>

Hope St's full financial report is available on request from [info@hopestreet.org](mailto:info@hopestreet.org)

## OUR BIG THANKYOU

On behalf of all the children and communities Hope St supports in Uganda, Kenya, Moldova, Bulgaria and Myanmar, we would like to thank every person who has supported us in 2019 as we work to change children's lives and equip passionate locals to transform their own communities.

Thank you to those who have supported us financially, prayerfully and through volunteering.

In 2019 Hope St volunteers donated over 4,000 hours of their time, and we cannot begin to express just how much of a difference this has made to our work. We are also very thankful for the ongoing commitment of our dedicated Board members who give their time and support so willingly.

Finally we would like to thank our international partners, the people who do the real mahi with children and communities supported by Hope St. Thank you for all of your hard work, reporting and support.



Several years ago we ran a child protection training seminar for the senior staff from Hope Focus and ORA Uganda. This year we asked those same staff to lead a seminar for all personnel from the two organisations, which they did in August. The house mother from Hope Focus told us this was her first ever day of what she termed 'formal school'.

### ACCOUNTABILITY

Hope Street Charitable Trust is registered Charity #CC24875 and a signatory to the Council for International Development (CID) Code of Conduct, a voluntary, self-regulatory sector code of good practice. Hope St is committed to the CID Code and the Code complaints handling process.

### Feedback

We appreciate your feedback including ideas on how we can improve the way we work. Please email your feedback or concerns to [info@hopestreet.org](mailto:info@hopestreet.org) or phone 07 843 2224

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